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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Wipfel et al.

Serial No.: 09/879,583

Filed: June 12, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING  
AND RESOLVING A PARTITION  
CONDITION IN A CLUSTER

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Examiner: Gerezgiher, Yemane M.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.